

b.)     Remarks

Claims 37 and 43 have been amended in order to recite the present invention with the specificity required by statute. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has entered the Amendment after Final Rejection but states the claims are not allowable because the results argued by Applicants are not commensurate with the scope of the claims.

In particular, the Examiner states the results, which were obtained using only ethanolic extracts do not support the term “extract”. Additionally, the Examiner states the results do not evidence unexpected results for the breadth of the claimed genus of Hydrangeae or other species. Accordingly, claims 37, 43 and 44 remain rejected for the reasons of record.

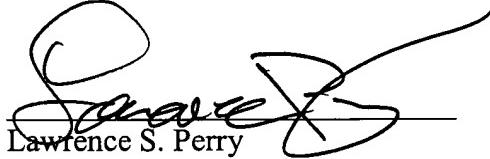
In response, as kindly suggested by the Examiner, the claims have been amended to specify that ethanol is used for extraction as well as to specify the plant is *Hydrangea macrophylla* Seringe var. Thunbergii Makino or *Hydrangea Dulcis Folium*.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all of the Examiner's concerns are now overcome and the claims are now in allowable condition. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Claims 37, 43 and 44 remain presented for continued prosecution.

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